

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

June 18, 2004

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

GTSAC MEMBERS

Robert Morris, Chair
Michael Prince
Heather Hockanson
Sue Mynsberge
Thad Peterson
Jim Culp
Steve Betterly
Chief Gary Gibbons
Edwin Tatem
Gary Goss

REPRESENTING

Office of the Governor
Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Linda Scarpetta, Department of Community Health
Ron Wilson, Department of State (DOS)
Capt. Dan Smith, Department of State Police
John Friend, Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Office of Services to the Aging
Local Representative – Michigan Association of Chief's of Police
Local Representative – Road Commission of Macomb County
Al Byam, Local Representative – Michigan Sheriff's Association

STAFF

Sue Joseph

GTSAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Lantzy Department of Education (MDE)

TASK TEAMS

Sgt. Carl Lafata Sgt. Matt Bolger – MSP/Executive Division – Legislation Contact
Fred Bueter DOS – Traffic Records Coordinating Council Contact
Patricia Carrow MSP/OHSP – Summit Task Team Contact

ADVISORY GROUPS

Tom Bruff SEMCOG – Engineering Action Team
Todd Kauffman MDOT – Non-Motorized Transportation Safety Action Team Co-Chair
Anne Readett MSP/OHSP – Public Information and Education Action Team Chair
Homer Smith MADD Michigan – Impaired Driving Action Team Chair
Capt. Robert Powers MSP/Motor Carrier Division – Michigan Truck Safety Commission Chair

GUESTS

Anna Christensen
Doug Couto
Dr. Bill Donohue
Bob Felt
Judge Harvey Hoffman
Michael Irwin
Bob Lariviere
Sandy Liddle
Jeff Mitchell
Dave Morena
Cathy Pavick
Mary Wichman

REPRESENTING

Grand Valley Metro Council
Michigan Department of Technology
Michigan State University
MDOT – Office of Communications
Eaton County Drug Court
Michigan Center for Truck Safety
Michigan Department of Transportation – Tetra Tech
Office of Financial and Insurance Services
Van Buren County Road Commission
Federal Highway Administration
Michigan Licensed Beverage Association
MSP – Criminal Justice Information Center

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Robert Morris. Roll call of GTSAC members and guest introductions completed.

Approval of GTSAC April 16, 2004 Minutes

The April 16, 2004, minutes were approved. Motion by Chief Gibbons seconded by Michael Prince. Motion passed.

Public Comment/Announcement Items

No Public Comment or Announcements.

Report/Update Items

GTSAC Commissioners' Update

- **Chair, Robert Morris – Report Discussion**
Presentations are always welcome to bring an issue forward at a Commission meeting. The Commission is based on the sharing of traffic safety information.
- **Community Health – MDCH** is currently working with Dr. Thomas Reel, President of Traffic Safety Association of Michigan, on law changes for children and booster seats. A coalition has been formed called Boost MI Kids. Legislation is with the Senate Transportation Committee and wait until the fall session to move these bills forward.
- **Education –** The Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Department of State Police are working together to rewrite the Public Act 187 which relates to School Bus Safety which will mostly likely be introduced when the legislators reconvene in the fall.
- **State – Office of Traffic Safety** now includes the Motorcycle Safety Division that was transferred from the Michigan Department of Education. Motorcycle courses are now taking place to train motorcyclists. A Roll Call video for law enforcement is being developed in cooperation with OHSP to address the lack of a motorcycle endorsement on licenses. Super centers for branch offices around the state are being established that will accept credit cards for transaction payments.
- **State Police –** A legislative change has been completed to establish a standard for operating with presents of drugs.
- **Transportation –** A contract to resolve 2002 and 2003 protested crashes is being developed through Keweenaw Technologies with Terry McNich as project director. This issue should have resolution within 60 days for all protested crashes. Engineers from Michigan visited Maryland to study the application of modern roundabouts. The modern roundabouts have included more signage to direct traffic flow as a way to address problems at busy intersections.
- **OSA –** GTSAC Commissioners were encouraged to attend the North American Conference on Elderly Mobility scheduled for September 12-15, 2004 in Detroit to focus on best practices in elderly mobility. A detailed registration form with the agenda and speakers will be ready within the next month. The early registration deadline is August. OSA will be holding a locally focused elderly mobility conference in the Muskegon area in late September. Dr. Donohue is working with OSA to develop an Elderly Death Review Board for Huron County.
- **OHSP –** An update on the 2004 Summit will be made later on the agenda. CIOT mobilization has been a large success with a 50% increase in citations for belt violations. Child Passenger Safety was noted during the mobilization as an area that needs addressing. Memorial Day had the lowest fatalities since 1982 with single digit fatality numbers. The usage rate for safety belts will be available sometime in July. The next CIOT mobilization is planned for August 27 through September 12, 2004. OHSP is now moving into the next mobilization for alcohol to coincide with the July 4th holiday. The Secondary Road Patrol conference took place in May and was well attended by front line road officers. No final word on the funding level in regards to the reauthorization. Money is being issued to the states on a month to month basis.
- **Gary Goss for Sheriff Byam Report –** SRP was a great conference.
- **Chief Gary Gibbons – Local Representative –** Enforcement Zones have shown many benefits besides the fact that more motorists are buckling up. The number of crashes and the cost of crashes has reduced and been realized by communities. The increased number of belt tickets issued is a reflection of more overtime officers working the zones as a direct result of OHSP funding.
- **Edwin Tatem – Local Representative –** Metro region is completing a study for the timing of signals along M-59 to alleviate crashes. An Incident Management Project is taking place to examine congestion issues, data and vehicle design for local road commissions.

Task Team Reports

- **Summit Evaluations – Patricia Carrow/MSP, OHSP**
Summit evaluations for 2004 were distributed. The evaluations showed Lansing as the top city choice for the 2005 Summit. Lansing area facilities are currently being contacted to find availability for the proposed date of early March. Steve Schreier of OHSP will be the Chair for the 2005 Agenda Sub-Committee and requests that you notify him by July 2, 2004, with the GTSAC representative name for your agency. All GTSAC agencies need to be represented on the Agenda Sub-Committee to have an agenda that will represent all areas of interest.
- **Traffic Records Coordinating Committee – Fred Bueter/DOS**
Committee is planning to bring all stakeholders involved since the beginning of this process back to the table to meeting and give input of the next phase of the project. The Department of State is researching the viability of a School Bus license endorsement.

- **Traffic Safety Legislative Report – Sgt. Carl Lafata/MSP, Executive Division**
Sergeant Lafata reviewed traffic safety legislative issues.

Advisory Team Updates

- **None**

Discussion and Presentation Items

- **DUI Drug Court in Eaton County Presentation – Judge Harvey Hoffman/Eaton County**
Drug Courts were developed primarily to deal with the repeat offender. Drug Court is held every Wednesday in Eaton County. The goal of the drug court system is to get offenders into a treatment program as soon as possible after the initial arrest. Sanctions are in place for those offenders not doing well within the treatment program. The best way to understand the drug court system is to visit one of the thirteen drug courts. An invitation was extended to all GTSAC Commissioners. Michigan is the front-runner of drug courts within the nation. State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO) is the fiduciary for this type of court system in Michigan. OHSP will be working with SCAO in the new fiscal year to complete an evaluation of the drug court program.
- **MTSC/MCTS Truck Safety Presentation – Capt. Robert Powers, Chair, Michigan Truck Safety Commission and Michael Irwin, Michigan Center for Truck Safety**
Captain Powers and Michael Irwin gave an overview of the Michigan Truck Safety Commission (MTSC) and the Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS) to inform GTSAC that these agencies are a resource for truck safety issues. The MTSC is listed as an advisory team to the GTSAC. Even though the OHSP division director is a member of both commissions, the Chair invited the MTSC and the MCTS to participate in the GTSAC meeting on a regular basis in order to provide additional involvement on commercial vehicle safety issues.
- **Summer Retreat Discussion – Robert Morris, Chair**
A draft agenda for the GTSAC Retreat was distributed. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2004. Full participation by GTSAC commissioners is strongly encouraged for this meeting. Facilitator will be Lisa Molner of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. The Lansing facility will be finalized and notification for the meeting will be sent through the Listserv. A great deal of time at the regular GTSAC meetings is spent discussing data. This Retreat meeting will be focused on the history of the GTSAC during the morning session and the afternoon session will be focused on direction for the future. Commissioners should give top two traffic safety priorities for their respective agencies to Chair, Bob Morris. Bob will work with the key people to have informative sessions and discussions.

Other Business

Adjourn. Next Meeting is August 21, 2004 at Collins Road in the Presentation Room.

Future Meeting Schedule = 3rd Friday of every other month

2004 Meeting Schedule

August 21, 2004 – Presentation Room, Collins Road Facility
October 15, 2004 – Presentation Room, Collins Road Facility
December 17, 2004 – Presentation Room, Collins Road Facility